

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT SERVICES NEWSLETTER

Quarterly Newsletter from LBMS Student Services

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WELCOME TO LAKE BRADDOCK!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Lake Braddock! The 2022-2023 school year is right around the corner with Bruin Blast, the First Day of School, and Back to School Night quickly approaching!

We are looking forward to getting to know our new families and students, and working with you to make sure all of our Lake Braddock Bruins have a successful school year.

This newsletter contains a lot of great information on upcoming events and some helpful hints to assist you in navigating Lake Braddock. Please take a minute to read through this information and mark your calendars!

MS Student Services Team



Bruin Blast
August 18th

First Day of School
August 22nd

MS Back to School Night
September 6th

New Parent Coffee
September 9th

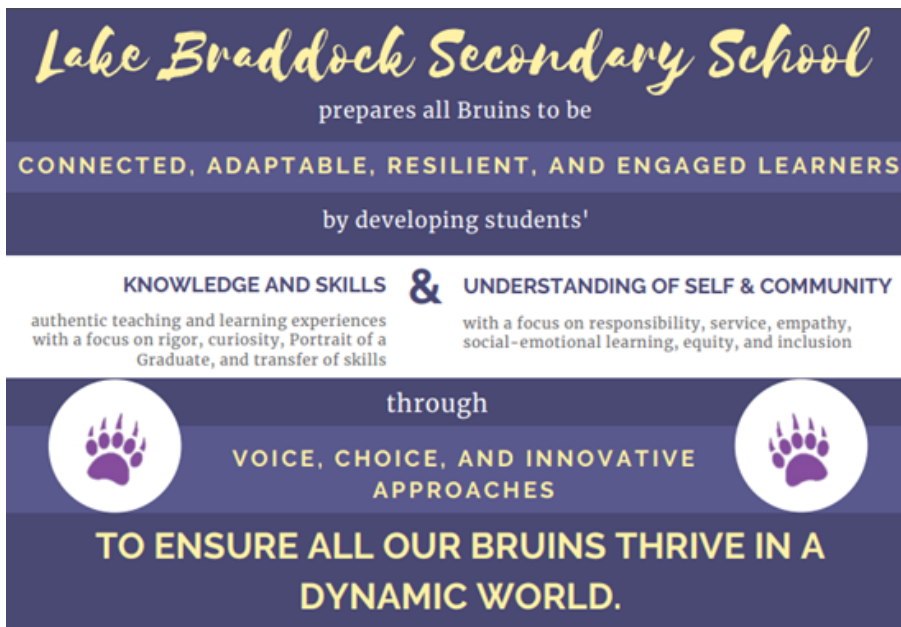


BRUIN NATION: UNDERSTANDING OUR SHARED VISION

At the start of the 2019-2020 school year, Lake Braddock set out to develop a new shared vision of learning. A Shared Visioning Committee led the process and sought input from all stakeholders in our Lake Braddock Community. Using school data, conducting site visits to other schools and school systems, and guided by FCPS and Virginia Department of Education priorities, the Shared Vision Committee crafted our new vision for learning. Learn how our new vision was developed and how our new path was charted by watching our Shared Vision video.

This vision has inspired and focused our work as it influences daily instruction and decision-making processes. Our new vision guides our work to prepare all students to become Connected, Adaptable, Resilient, and Engaged learners by developing their knowledge and skills while emphasizing the importance of growing their understanding of themselves and their community to thrive in a dynamic world. These four attributes can be found in our motto #BruinsCARE, student recognition, foundation of our advisory lessons, and more!

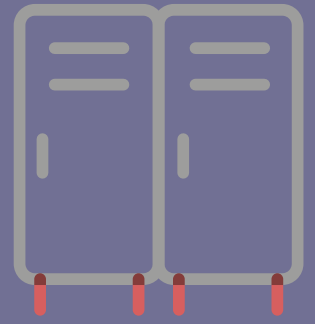
Want to learn more? Visit our [Interactive Shared Vision Webpage](#)
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prepares all Bruins to be
CONNECTED, ADAPTABLE, RESILIENT, AND ENGAGED LEARNERS
by developing students'

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS & **UNDERSTANDING OF SELF & COMMUNITY**
authentic teaching and learning experiences with a focus on rigor, curiosity, Portrait of a Graduate, and transfer of skills
with a focus on responsibility, service, empathy, social-emotional learning, equity, and inclusion

through
VOICE, CHOICE, AND INNOVATIVE APPROACHES
TO ENSURE ALL OUR BRUINS THRIVE IN A DYNAMIC WORLD.



Lockers:

All **7th grade** students will be assigned lockers.

For students in **8th grade or above** we will be distributing lockers by request only.

Locker requests will be accepted beginning the third week of school. This will allow students to determine if there is a need to have a locker based upon their class schedule, prior to submitting a request.

Be on the lookout for the Locker Request Google form on September 12th.

Getting to Know Your Subschool

At Lake Braddock each student is assigned to a subschool. In middle school subschools are assigned by grade level. Below you will find some helpful information regarding why you may contact your subschool.

Subschool 1: 8th Grade

Office number: 703-426-1110

Attendance Line Number: 703-426-1181

Administrator: Josie Rodriguez-Walhout

Administrative Assistant: Denisse Gordon

Subschool 2: 7th Grade

Office number: 703-426-1120

Attendance Line Number: 703-426-1182

Administrator: Lance Jackson

Administrative Assistant: TBD

Absences:

LBSS has an attendance line for each subschool. Parents/Guardians should use the attendance line when calling in their student's absence or tardy or complete the [online form](#).

Late Check-Ins:

Students arriving late to school must enter the school at the main entrance and check in at the security desk. The student will be given a tardy pass from the security kiosk. A note or phone call from a parent is required for an excused pass to class. Students must make contact with all teachers for any class missed.

Early Check-Outs:

Students should bring a note to their subschool in the morning. They will then be provided with a pass to leave class. Notes must include the name of the person picking up the student. This person must also be listed as an emergency contact.

Students must sign out of school through their subschool before leaving the building.

Students will meet parents/guardians inside the main entrance (Door #1) at the security desk. The person picking up the student **must come in** and **show their ID** at the security desk.

Locker Issues:

Locker repair forms will be available in subschool offices during the school year. Students should complete this form if they are having issues with their locker.

SIS ParentVue & StudentVue Accounts



SIS ParentVue will provide access to view your child's student information, including attendance, report cards, class schedules, gradebook (for middle and high school students), course history, discipline, health, and school information.

A mailing will be sent in August to all newly registered students' parents. A second mailer will go out during in September to parents of any new students registered after the initial mailing. These mailers will include detailed instructions on how to create your account. You have each been assigned a unique activation code which you must use to register. The user must provide a valid email address to create the account. After these two mailings, parents will need to request an account at <https://www.fcps.edu/resources/technology/student-information-system-sis-fcps/sis-parent-account-overview>

Please note: SIS will be live on August 18th, but grades will not be available until September 6th.

SIS StudentVue will allow students access to this information as well. Students will use the same login they use to access school computers. Students can access StudentVue through https://sisstudent.fcps.edu/SVUE/Login_Student_PXP_OVR.aspx

Schoolology is the learning management system that will be used by teachers to post classroom materials; to provide a safe forum for students to discuss their ideas and collaborate on projects; and to assign and collect homework electronically. It helps students stay organized and it keeps the class connected. A Schoolology Parent Account gives you access to: your child's classes, upcoming assignments, and school, class, and group announcements. Parents will use their SIS ParentVue account to login to Schoolology.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view a brief overview of Schoolology.

If you are having any issues accessing your Schoolology learning or ParentVue account, please use the link below to notify the school of the issue: <https://lakebraddockss.fcps.edu/2020-21-school-year/technology-support>

Back to School Events

BRUIN BLAST

Join us in celebrating the start of the 2022-2023 school year at Bruin Blast!

MS Bruin Blast will take place on **Thursday, August 18th** between **10:00 am and 12:00 pm**. Please keep in mind that this is an open house and you do not need to be there right at 10:00 am. There are a few things you will want to do at Bruin Blast, but they do not need to be completed in any particular order.

Student Schedules

Schedules will be **LIVE** in **SIS StudentVue** and ParentVue **Thursday, August 18th at 6:30 am**. Pro Tip: Skip the line in the cafeteria by taking a screenshot of your schedule on your cell phone! Printed copies of student schedules will be available in the cafeteria including a map and locker information (7th grade only). Lockers for 8th grade students will be provided by request at a later time. Counselors will be available in the foyer outside the cafeteria to address any schedule concerns.

Find Your Classes

Use your printed schedule and map and plan your fastest routes to get from class to class!

Make sure to check out places like your subschool, clinic, library, and cafeteria!

SCA, SGA, and Student Ambassador students will be available to assist you in locating classrooms and opening lockers.

Ambassador help stations will be noted on your map.

Connect with Your Teachers

Teachers will be in their classrooms during Bruin Blast so be sure to swing by and say hello!

Add Money to Your Lunch Account in the Cafeteria

Our cafeteria staff will be available to add money to your student's lunch account. You can also do this through myschoolbucks.com.

PE Uniforms

Purchase Your PE Uniform Online and have it shipped to your home (AVAILABLE NOW). Many families may have already ordered their PE Uniform online. If you have not done so already use this link to purchase your PE Uniform:

athleticunion.com/lake-Braddock. For free shipping use code: #LAKEBRADDOCK

SIS ParentVue Account

Stop by the Library if you need to set up a SIS ParentVue account!

Selfie Station

Find your friends and stop by our selfie station outside the concession stand!

Lunch on the Blacktop

Food trucks will be on the blacktop starting at 12:00. Reconnect with friends and meet Lake Braddock staff as we get ready for the new school year!

Set Up Your Locker

For **7th grade students** Bruin Blast is the perfect time to practice your locker combination and bring in your school supplies. Many students struggle with opening their lockers. If you are experiencing difficulty there will be Bruin Ambassadors available to help you, along with other school staff. If you continue to experience issues opening your locker, you can fill out a locker repair form in the cafeteria. The custodial staff will be sure to check each locker before the first day of school.

Prior to Bruin Blast be sure to complete your paperwork! The following forms must be completed prior to the start of school:

- Update your **Emergency Care** Information in weCare
- Complete the **Health Form** in weCare

NEW THIS YEAR! You can now access the following opt-out forms in your SIS ParentVue account:

- Tutor.com access
- SEL Screener Participation
- Counseling Opt-Out
- Transportation Intent
- Accept FCPS Device
- Home Internet Access

Additional forms can be found on our website. Hard copies of all forms will also be available in the cafeteria.

Don't forget that 7th grade students cannot begin school in August without documentation of a Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis booster (Tdap), and Meningococcal vaccine (MenACWY). Please send updated immunization records to Angela Santizo at assantizo@fcps.edu.

Back to School Events Continued

MILITRAY FAMILY POTLUCK

The Military Ambassadors Club is hosting a potluck to welcome our Military Families to the Lake Braddock community. Food and games will be set up in the cafeteria on **Wednesday, August 17th at 5:00 pm**. Let us know what you plan to bring using our [Signup Genius!](#)

NEW PARENT COFFEE

The New Parent Coffee is a great opportunity to meet with Mrs. Kearns, Ms. Hampton and the Student Services team and have them answer any questions you may still have about Lake Braddock. The New Parent Coffee will take place on **Friday, September 9th from 9:00-10:00 am** in the Lecture Hall

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Middle School Back to School Night will take place on **Wednesday, September 6th**. Additional information will be shared in the next few weeks.

BRUINS STAY AFTER PROGRAM

This year the middle school after-school program will be hosting a club fair during Advisory. This student only event will take place in September prior to late buses starting. This will be a great opportunity for students to learn about all the different types of clubs we offer here at Lake Braddock.

Counselor Lessons: Fall 2022

INTRO LESSONS

August 24th - 25th all counselors will meet with their 7th grade students through English classes.

August 26th - 29th all counselors will meet with their 8th grade students through English classes.

September 6th - 26th - counselors meet individually with 7th & 8th grade students.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

This fall all students will be asked to complete a Needs Assessment. This brief survey is given to all students and lets the counselors know what types of programs we should focus on. It also allows students to note any counseling groups they may be interested in participating in. Parents have the right to opt their student out of the Needs Assessment. If you would like to view the Needs Assessment, please contact your child's counselor.

Counselors will connect with students individually based on any concerns they note on their Needs Assessment.

Grading & Reporting

Parents will receive an FCPS generated weekly email with their student's grades in all classes. This email will contain the student's overall grade in each class. For more detailed information on your student's grade you will need to access your SIS ParentVue account. Access to student grades will be available starting on September 6th through your SIS ParentVue account. This will be a great tool for you to stay informed of your child's progress in all their academic classes. Weekly progress reports will be sent starting September 12th.

In addition to these weekly progress reports, detailed progress reports will be emailed at interim and at the end of each quarter.

Report cards will be carried home by students at the end of each quarter.

For additional information on FCPS grading and reporting policies, please visit <https://www.fcps.edu/academics/grading-and-reporting/secondary>.

Needs Assessment Opt Out

You have the right to consent before your student participates in any federally-funded survey asking about any of the following: political affiliation or belief of the student or parent; mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family; sexual behavior or attitudes; illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior; critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships; legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers; religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or student's parent; and income (other than is required by law to determine program eligibility).

You have the right to opt your student out of participation in any survey, regardless of funding source, that requests information about the topics listed above or that requests medical information, information on student health risk behaviors related to alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs, other information on controlled substance use, or any other information that the School Board deems to be sensitive in nature. This includes the Needs Assessment counselors give to students at the start of the school year.

If you would like to opt-out your child from our Needs Assessment, please contact your child's counselor before Wednesday, August 24th.

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